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SUBJECT: W/W MISSING PERSON CASE OF HOWES, DAVID LEE

- 11. Post requests that all Mission Mexico posts check with local authorities for any information regarding the whereabouts of David Lee Howes and enter the appropriate local lookout.
- 12. Name : Howes, David Lee
- 13. DPOB: March 14, 1971, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 14. Evidence of US citizenship: Proof of citizenship requested.
- 15. Description: Height 5' 9", weight 165 lbs; brown hair, brown eyes, tattoo on outside of one ankle depicting bird with cross
- $\P6$. Date of last contact: May 5, 2007. Telephoned his step-mother from Oxford, MS
- 17. Place to be searched: All of Mexico
- 18. Inquirer: Sharon and Garey Adkins, step-parents, 1483 Higdon Road, Holly Springs, MS, tel. (662) 252-5557
- 19. Privacy Act Waiver: required
- 110. Remarks: Post received an email from Mr. Howes' step-parents, Sharon and Garey Adkins, on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007 reporting their son missing. Conoff interviewed the Adkins on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

According to an email message Mr. Howes sent to his step-parents on Aug. 31, 2007, he was kidnapped in Nogales, AZ while driving to California from Mississippi. His message states that he was brought to Mexico with several other Americans, and that they are being drugged by captors who force them to accompany deliveries driving a vehicle across the border and back. He does not know his present location in Mexico. He writes that they move often, and that he is only provided his identification before crossing at the border.

Photos of Mr. Howe are avilable on the internet via a website created by his step-father at: http://www.howes.webadkins.com/index.htm

Mr. Howe's step-parents have contacted the FBI in Jackson, MS and reported their son's kidnapping, and are also reporting him missing to state police in Mississippi.

Any information should be relayed to Sharon and Garey Adkins at 662-252-5557 in Holly Springs, MS.

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